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In Re Application Of: **Randy E. Benway et al.**

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Title: **INTERCHANGEABLE MULCHING/DISCHARGE MOWING DECK**



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**37 CFR 1.97(c)**

2.  The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed after the period specified in 37 CFR 1.97(b), provided that the Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a Final Action under 37 CFR 1.113, a Notice of Allowance under 37 CFR 1.311, or an Action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, and is accompanied by one of:

the statement specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e);

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the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p).

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 37 C.F.R. 1.97, and 37 C.F.R. 1.98, Applicants request that a citation and examination of the references cited below, and on the attached PTO-1449 form, be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States patent. Pursuant to the Official Gazette Notice dated August 5, 2003, copies of the cited U.S. patents and patent applications are not included as this application was filed after June 30, 2003. However, copies of all other cited references are included with this form.

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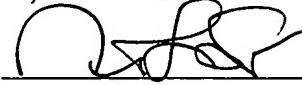
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Applicants look forward to early and favorable consideration of this matter.

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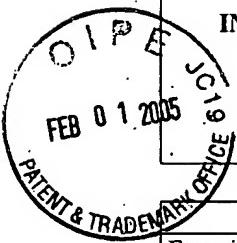
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